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SUBJECT EAST ASIA COMMERCIAL OFFICERS CONFERENCE

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1. STATE/COMMERCE PREPARING HOLD SUBJECT CONFERENCE IN SINGAPORE FEBRUARY 22-24, 1977. EXPENSES, INCLUDING TRAVEL AND PER DIEM FOR POST PARTICIPANTS, WILL BE EQUALLY SHARED BY STATE AND COMMERCE. MAJOR FOCUS OF CONFERENCE WILL BE ON HOW POST COMMERCIAL SECTIONS CAN BETTER SATISFY THE DEMANDS AND NEEDS OF THE AMERICAN BUSINESS COMMUNITY IN DEVELOPING EXPORT MARKETS. OTHER SUBJECTS WILL INCLUDE THE CCP, PRESENT AND FUTURE EXPORT EXPANSION PROGRAMS, COMMERCIAL SECTION MANAGEMENT, TRADE POLICY, EXPORT FINANCING, ETC.

2. UNLIKE EARLIER CONFERENCES WHICH HAD BROADER PERSPECTIVE, SUBJECT CONFERENCE WILL BE PROGRAMMED FOR, AND BE OF GREATEST BENEFIT TO, THOSE OFFICERS ASSIGNED TO COMMERCIAL WORK AS OPPOSED TO PURELY ECONOMIC CONCERNS. THEREFORE, STATE/COMMERCE IS INVITING THE OFFICERS LISTED BELOW BASED UPON OUR KNOWLEDGE OF WHICH OFFICERS ARE THE SENIOR OFFICERS AT THEIR POSTS PRIMARILY RESPONSIBLE FOR COMMERCIAL WORK. IF ANY SELECTED OFFICER IS TO BE REASSIGNED SHORTLY AFTER CONFERENCE, ATTENDANCE OF ANOTHER OFFICER IS

ENCOURAGED PROVIDED LATTER IS ALSO CLOSE TO COMMERCIAL PROGRAM AND IS EXPECTED TO PROVIDE CONTINUITY TO MISSION COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES.

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WELLINGTON: JOHN HALL
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SUVA: HARLAN LEE

3. AGENDA CURRENTLY BEING PREPARED AND WILL BE CABLED TO INVITEES WHEN COMPLETE. WELCOME POST SUGGESTION OF POSSIBLE AGENDA ITEMS. WHILE AGENDA WILL INCLUDE SPEECHES BY WASHINGTON PARTICIPANTS, IT IS ENVISIONED CONFERENCE WILL CONSIST LARGELY OF DISCUSSIONS AND DIALOGUE SESSIONS.

4. CONFERENCE WILL BE PRECEDED BY AN EVENING RECEPTION ON DAY BEFORE CONFERENCE OFFICIALLY OPENS. ATTENDEES SHOULD TIME THEIR ARRIVALS DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS OF THE RECEPTION DAY AND DEPARTURE ON DAY FOLLOWING CONFERENCE ENDING. EACH DAY IS FULLY SCHEDULED DURING CONFERENCE AND OFFICER ATTENDANCE IS REQUIRED AT ALL TIMES.

5. ADDRESSEE POSTS REQUESTED CONFIRM OFFICERS ATTENDING CONFERENCE BY DECEMBER 22, 1976. PLEASE ADDRESS CABLE TRAFFIC ATTENTION EB/OCA ED SACCHET AND COM/BIC/OIM JERRY MORSE WITH SIMULTANEOUS INFORMATION GEORGE CLAUSEN, SINGAPORE CONTROL OFFICER. UNLESS OTHERWISE IMMEDIATELY INSTRUCTED, SINGAPORE WILL BOOK RESERVATIONS AT MANDARIN

HOTEL, MONDAY, FEBRUARY 21 THRU THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24. DUE TO TIGHT SCHEDULING OF CONFERENCE IT IS URGED THAT ALL INVITEES PLAN TO STAY AT MANDARIN WHICH IS CON- VIENTLY LOCATED WITH REGARD US TRADE CENTER, PROPOSED VENUE FOR CONFERENCE. DUE TO PENALTY FOR LATE CANCELLATION OF RESERVATIONS SINGAPORE SHOULD BE NOTIFIED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE OF ANY CHANGES IN SCHEDULES.

6. SEPTELS WILL FOLLOW GIVING FISCAL DATA FOR CON-
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FERENCES, DETAILS OF PROGRAM AND PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS. PARTICIPANTS IN THE AGENDA PANELS WILL ALSO BE NOTIFIED IN SEPTELS. ROBINSON

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